

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method comprising:

sensing the presence of an indicator in a vicinity of an icon having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object, wherein said icon and a plurality of additional icons are located within a viewable interface, each of the additional icons having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object; and

rendering a superimposed view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data, the superimposed view rendered in the vicinity of the icon

identifying a predetermined number of the plurality of additional icons based on the locations within the window of the plurality of additional icons relative to said icon; and

pre-caching thumbnail data associated with the identified additional icons responsive to said identifying.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The method according to claim 2, wherein pre-caching the thumbnail data includes storing the thumbnail data in volatile memory.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the predetermined ~~maximum~~ number of icons is greater than one icon and less than ~~or equal to a~~ the total number of the plurality of additional icons viewable located within the viewable interface ~~an environment the icon is displayed in.~~

Claim 10. (Canceled).

Claim 11. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein the viewable interface is a window and the superimposed view rendered is rendered within [[a]] the window displayed in a graphical user interface.

Claim 12. (Currently amended): A method for displaying thumbnail data associated with at least one of a plurality of icons located in a window, each of said plurality of icons having thumbnail data associated therewith, said method comprising:

~~obtaining~~ identifying a predetermined maximum number of icons for which thumbnail data will be pre-cached, said predetermined maximum number being independent of the total number of icons displayed located in the window;

comparing the total number of icons located in the window to the pre-determined maximum number of icons;

pre-caching the thumbnail data for a particular number of the plurality of icons located in the window based on said comparing, wherein said particular number is the pre-determined maximum number when said predetermined maximum number is greater than the total number, and wherein said particular number is the total number when the predetermined maximum number is less than or equal to said total number associated with at least one icon and up to the predetermined maximum number or icons, said the thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object, and the icons displayed in a viewable interface;-and

displaying the pre-cached thumbnail data associated with one of the plurality of icons a displayed icon when an indicator is hovered substantially over the said icon.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein ~~pre-caching includes pre-caching thumbnail data associated with at least a plurality of icons~~, the pre-cached thumbnail data ~~being~~ is available for substantially instantaneous rendering at the moment the indicator is hovered substantially over one of the plurality of icons ~~having associated pre-cached thumbnail data~~.

Claim 14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the thumbnail data is pre-cached in volatile memory.

Claim 15. (Canceled).

Claim 16. (Canceled).

Claim 17. (Canceled).

Claim 18. (Canceled).

Claim 19. (Canceled).

Claim 20. (Currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that direct a computing system to:

sense the presence of an indicator in a vicinity of an icon having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object, wherein said icon and a plurality of additional icons are located within a viewable interface, each of the additional icons having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object; and

render a superimposed view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data, the superimposed view rendered in the vicinity of the icon;

identify a predetermined number of the plurality of additional icons based on the locations within the window of the plurality of additional icons relative to said icon; and

pre-cache thumbnail data associated with the identified additional icons responsive to said identifying.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon for displaying thumbnail data associated with at least one of a plurality of icons located in a window, each of said plurality of icons having thumbnail data associated therewith, said instructions directing ~~that direct~~ a computing system to:

~~obtain~~ identify a predetermined maximum number of icons for which thumbnail data will be pre-cached, said predetermined maximum number being independent of the total number of icons displayed located in the window;

compare the total number of icons located in the window to the pre-determined maximum number of icons;

pre-cache the thumbnail data for a particular number of the plurality of icons located in the window based on said comparing, wherein said particular number is the pre-determined maximum number when said predetermined maximum number is greater than the total number, and wherein said particular number is the total number when the predetermined maximum number is less than or equal to said total number associated with at least one icon and up to the predetermined maximum number or icons, said the thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object, and the icons displayed in a viewable interface; and

display the pre-cached thumbnail data associated with one of the plurality of icons a displayed icon when an indicator is hovered substantially over ~~the~~ said icon.

Claim 22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the icon for which the pre-cached thumbnail data is displayed and the displayed thumbnail data ~~and the rendered view of the thumbnail data~~ are different.

Claim 23. (Canceled).

Claim 24. (Canceled).

Claim 25. (Canceled).

Claim 26. (Canceled).